per VIIth Schedule of the Constitution of India, and as such it is the primary responsibility of the State Government to modernize the police set up in the State. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces and security set up, the Central Government is implementing a Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) for upgradation of all critical aspects of police infrastructure, *viz.*, construction of secure police stations and outposts, provision of modern weaponry, modern equipment for security, surveillance and communication, efficient means of transport, etc.

During 2006-07, on outlay of Rs. 1.33 crore has been approved for modernization of Goa police during 2006-07 under the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), out of which Central grant is Rs. 1.00 crore and the State share is Rs. 0.33 crore. Details of Central funds released to the State Government of Goa during the past six years under the said scheme are given below:-

(Rs. in crore)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Central funds released	2.02	2.00	2.00	1.40	0.28	1.06

Further, under the Coastal Security Scheme approved for Goa, an amount of Rs. 0.3705 crore was released to the State Government during 2005-06 against the approved plan of Rs. 16.535 crore for five years, for construction of coastal police stations, and provision of interceptor boats and vehicles.

New BPL survey

*116. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to have a new BPL survey in the year 2007;

(b) if so, whether the schedule for the survey has been prepared; and

(c) if not, which schedule will be used, giving the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) The Minister of Rural Development provides financial and technical assistance to the States and UTs to conduct a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census to identify the poor households living in the rural areas who could be asisted under various programmes of the Ministry. The Ministry had issued guidelines for conducting the BPL Census 2002. However, its results could not be finalized because of the stay order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) No. 196/ 2001 in the matter of PUCL V/s Union of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vacated the stay on 14.2.2006. Subsequently, the Ministry has issued guidelines to States and UTs to place the draft BPL list before the gram sabha. A two-stage appeal mechanism has been introduced. Any person who object to his ranking in the list, can file an appeal with the Tehsildar/SDM and Collector as the case may be. States have also been advised that after completion of this process, the final BPL list should be displayed on their website. It may also be printed and kept in the form of a booklet at the Panchayat Headquarters. On the basis of the ranking of the BPL families, a Permanent Waitlist is also to be prepared for allotment of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and this list is to be painted on the wall of the Panchayat Headquarters in the order of priority for the purpose of bringing more transparency. Under these guidelines, a provision has also been made to allow new names to be added and ineligible names deleted from the BPL List on a continuous basis during the period to which the list applies.

The decision to conduct the new BPL survey in 2007 will be taken in consultation with the State Governments after the results of BPL Centus 2002 are finalized.

Loss to diamond exports

*117. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the extent of loss to diamond export, during the last eight months;

(b) besides the recent floods in Surat, what are the other factors contributing to the loss in the export of diamonds; and